

March 25, 2016

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

**Ocotillo District Meeting is this Wednesday,
March 30!**



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Ocotillo District Meeting is Next Week!

The Mobile Office meeting for March has been replaced with a District Meeting on March 30 from 5pm-7pm! I am excited to meet with you and your neighbors at Challenger Middle School located on 6905 W. Maryland Ave in the gym.



All are welcome to come out for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and discuss the issues that most concern you on topics including the Police, Fire, Code Compliance, Public Works Departments, Parks & Recreation, and many others.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with you face-to-face, and discuss the issues that are most important to you and your families.

Lemonade will be Offered

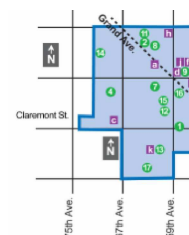
While at the Ocotillo District Meeting, quench your Arizona thirst with a glass of ice cold lemonade produced and sold by local youth entrepreneur,



Duncan Sanders. Duncan's father is Chef Tom of *Bakery by Chef Tom*, located at 5835 W. Palmlaire Ave.



Ocotillo District Amenities



Safe Haven Program

**Are you afraid
want to keep y
baby?
Do you just wa
someone to gi
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and make sure
baby gets a go
home?**

You have options. Arizona has the **Haven Law** that identifies places where mothers can safely and anonymously give their babies to a Safe Haven response team to assist you with questions, options, resources, 24/7 1-866-707-2229.

If your baby is unharmed, is under 72 hours old and you intend to reclaim your baby, you have options. Simply bring your baby to the Safe Haven locations:

Glendale Credit Rating Raised!



CITY OF GLENDALE RECEIVES A+ WITH BOND RATING UPGRADE

Significantly Improved Financial Situation Cited

For the second time this year, the City of Glendale has received a bond rating upgrade from a financial rating agency. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has raised its long-term and underlying ratings for the city's general obligation bonds to an A+ from BBB+. The upgrade follows a series of Standard & Poor's downgrades since 2012.

Standard & Poor's cites adequate budgetary performance with balanced operating results, very strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance in fiscal year 2015, very strong liquidity and strong management with good financial policies and practices as reasons for the three-notch improvement.

"Financial stability continues to be the top priority for the City of Glendale," says City Manager Kevin Phelps. Today's news is the result of prudent fiscal management by our team members which closely aligns with the goals of our mayor and city council."

Earlier this year, Moody's Investors Service upgraded several types of city bonds from A3 to A2 including all of its general obligation bonds.

"We are extremely proud of this upgrade which solidifies the direction we are on," says Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing. "It is a reflection of the difficult but necessary steps the city has taken to address its fiscal condition."

The upgrade serves as an independent, objective evaluation of the city's efforts to stabilize financially. It also potentially allows the city to borrow money at a more competitive rate than it would be able to otherwise. Cities typically use money raised from bonds for large developments or infrastructure projects. For more information about the city of Glendale please visit: www.glendaleaz.com

Luke Air Force Base Night Flying



Luke Air Force Base is scheduled to conduct night flying through the remainder of March. The evening flights are scheduled to occur Monday through Thursday with no planned operations during the weekends. Night training is an integral phase for student pilots. Learning this critical skill over Arizona's skies ensures the pilots' safety and mission success while supporting combat operations around the world. While Luke AFB reserves the right to fly 24 hours a

day if needed, the base has been successful in minimizing late-night flights to reduce the impact on West Valley and neighboring communities.

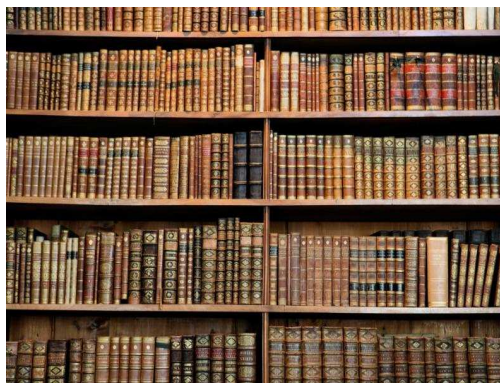
[Luke Air Force Base Night Flying Press Release](#)

Your Input is Essential!

We Need Your Input!

Conceptual Analysis of Possible Western Area Branch Library

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale.



The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services.

For more information, please go to <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/WesternAreaBranchStudy.cfm>

**Any Ambulance
Any Designated
Adoption Agency
On-duty Fire Station
Any Designated
Church**

You must hand baby to a person above locations place baby in a Haven drawer at a designated hospital. Tell them this is a haven baby and leave. Your baby will be cared for and a home will be found for the baby.

[Drop Off Drawer Locations](#) Click the locations of with anonymous drawers.

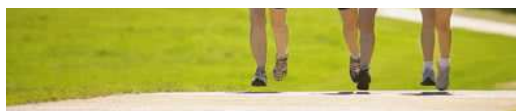
For more information please go to azsbh2.org/info

Coming Up

GLENDALE'S SIDEWALK SALE APRIL 2 *Downtown Event Kicks Off Operation Women Warriors Donation Drive*



Bring your walking shoes and be ready to hit the pavement at Glendale's 7th annual Sidewalk & Porch Sale on Saturday, April 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court. The event will include many retailers offering discounts up to 75 percent off.



Spring has sprung, and what better way to enjoy it than shopping outdoors and participating in some fun activities? A leisurely stroll through downtown Glendale will allow shoppers to take advantage of the great weather and enjoy the historic setting. Along the way you'll also find a lemonade stand, ice cream treats and more. The shops in Catlin Court will showcase their specialties on their lawns, sidewalks and porches, and Old Towne shops will feature great finds and bargains inside the shops.

The day is not just about shopping! Visitors will also be able to enjoy a musical performance by the Ironwood High School Band at 1 p.m. at the Murphy Park Amphitheater. This 90-member concert band has received 'Excellent' and 'Superior' ratings recently, and thanks to a grant from the city of Glendale's Performing Arts Partnership Program, the concert band has received extra instruction from three local groups of professional musicians. This performance for the community will be a showcase of their recent training and hard work.

In addition, the Glendale Visitor Center, in partnership with Soroptimist International of the Kachinas of Glendale, is kicking off a campaign to honor all deployed women by collecting donations for Operation Women Warriors. The Operation Women Warriors project will send specialized care packages to female soldiers stationed overseas. Needed items include bulk hard candies, travel-sized toiletries, facial lotion with sunscreen, foot cream, SPF lip balm, personal hygiene products, cough drops and hair bands. [Click here](#) for a full list of needed items.

Attendees are encouraged to start their day at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr., Suite 140, to pick up a downtown walking map along with a West Valley info pack, and to drop off any donations. For more details on the event, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or visit the [website](#).



New Glendale Farmers Market Begins April 9 In Historic Downtown Glendale.

Twice-Monthly Market Promotes "Eat Fresh ~ Buy Local ~ Eat Seasonally"

A new event is 'sprouting' in downtown Glendale this April, with the goal to bring fresh, local produce and handmade goods to Glendale and the West Valley. The new Glendale Farmers Market will kick-off their season on Saturday, April 9, between 8 a.m. and noon. The market will be located in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church, 7102 N. 58th Dr.



The market will be held in the heart of historic Downtown Glendale, at the southwest corner of 58th Drive and Palmdale, every second and fourth Saturday for the months of April through July, with a brief break and will resume again for the months of September through November. Abundant free covered parking is available in the adjacent parking garage.

"We invite everyone across the Valley to come down on these Saturday mornings to the charming, tree lined area that is the perfect spot to purchase fresh, locally-farmed produce and browse vendors selling other goods that are also made here locally," said Linda Moran-Whittley, owner of Papa Ed's Ice Cream in the Catlin Court Historic District. "And not only that, visitors can have breakfast or lunch, and enjoy a stroll to the many shops and boutiques that have made downtown Glendale such a unique and popular destination."

The Glendale Farmers Market's mission is to create a community gathering place in historic Downtown Glendale, while supporting local farmers, small businesses and community based organizations, many of which will also be invited to participate in various ways. In addition, the purpose of the market is to provide a marketplace for healthy, nutritious and sustainable foods systems for residents throughout the Valley.

Additional highlights planned for the market include:

- Meeting local farmers, agricultural vendors, and home product vendors
- Food truck specialties and a variety of local eateries
- Handcrafted and one-of-a-kind items for sale
- Community booth with information from area wide 501(c) (3) organizations, local program resources, services and more
- Educational seminars with information and demonstrations about healthy food choices and how to prepare nutritious meals for all ages
- Guest speakers presenting a variety of topics of interest including history of the area, gardening and art
- Kids activities

The Glendale Farmers Market is produced by Kathy VanDerworp and sponsored by Visit Glendale (Glendale Convention & Visitor Bureau) and The First United Methodist Church. For market information contact: glendalefarmersmarket58@gmail.com. For additional information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or www.visitglendale.com.





GLENDALE YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Glendale Youth Sports League (GYSL) is winding up for the exciting Summer 2016 Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season. Registration takes place March 14 - April 8, practice starts mid-May and games begin June 6.

Batter up! The following brackets are being offered:

T-Ball: Co-ed Ages 4-6

Baseball: Pee-wee Ages 6-8 (coach pitch) Rookies Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Softball: Ponytail Ages 6-8 (coach pitch)

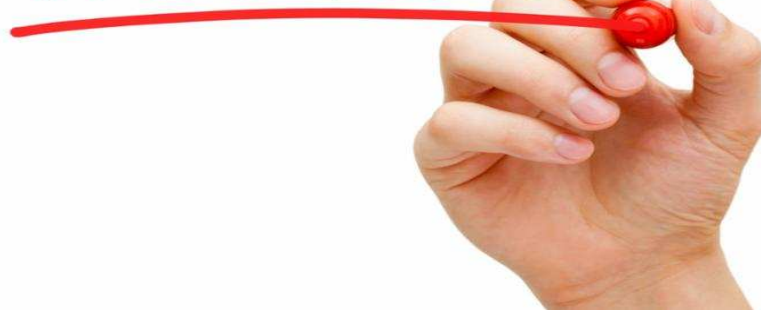
Cholla Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Registration fee is \$55 for Glendale residents (or \$75 for non- residents) and includes a team t-shirt and baseball cap. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged during late registration April 11-15, 2016. Sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Players can also register in person on Saturday, March 26, 1-4 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza, 4315 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

BE A VOLUNTEER COACH!

Persons age 18 and older can submit a Coach Application to Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5970 W. Brown St., by Friday, April 15. For more information about GYSL, volunteering as a coach or to learn about program sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Davis, Glendale Parks and Recreation, at 623-930-2841 or via email at mdavis@glendaleaz.com.

TAX TIME



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by



Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'

The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs **Feb. 1 through March 31**, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.



**2016 Glendale Family Bike Ride
Online Pre-Registration is OPEN!**

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride to pre-register and complete waiver forms.

Join hundreds of riders for wonderful weather and great exercise at the free annual Glendale Family Bike Ride on Sunday, April 10 at Sahuaro Ranch Park, located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road.



This is a ride for all ages and features three routes - short, long, and extended (6, 15, or 23 miles) through Glendale's neighborhoods and sections of the Thunderbird Paseo, Skunk Creek pathways and across the pedestrian bicycle bridge. For more information go to www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride or call 623-930-2940.



Glendale Empowerment Expo

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday April 23 from
Glendale Civic Center

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities.

The event will feature a resource and information fair, a town hall meeting to encourage public discussion, and awards.

recognizing the contributions of an individual and service provider who have improved the disability community in Glendale. Staff contact: Stephanie Miller at 930-3433.

ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION TOUR

Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride

Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.



DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center
5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.

ADDITIONAL CITY INFORMATION!

Want to Report a Code Violation?

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then follow-up. Please be sure to provide all information that is requested.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm>

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a



on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2016BTSchedThurs.pdf>

To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police Department is click here:

https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf

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